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SUBJ: TURK CYPRIOT REACTION TO GREEK CYPRIOT ELECTION

1. TURKISH CYPRIOT REACTION TO SWEEPING VICTORY OF PRO-MAKARIOS
POPULAR FRONT IN SPETEMBER 5 GREEK CYPRIOT ELECTIONS HAS BEEN
GENERALLY ONE OF RESTRAINT, PESSIMISM, BUT NOT SURPRISE. TURK
CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH HAS SET TONE OF REACTION IN VARIOUS
STATEMENTS TO PRESS TO EFFECT THAT PRO-MAKARIOS ELEMENTS FAVORING
"LONG STRUGGLE" HAVE ELIMINATED THOSE FAVORING REALISTIC
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AND REASONABLE PEACE SETTLEMENT, THAT SAME CAST OF CHARACTERS

WHICH BROUGHT CYPRUS TO ITS PRESENT STATE WILL NOW EMBARK ON A LONG STRUGGLE, THAT THIS WILL HAVE EFFECT OF "CLOSING DOORS TO A SETTLEMENT," AND "IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REVIEW OUR INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND DOMESTIC NATIONAL MEASURES." DENKTASH STOPPED SHORT, HOWEVER, OF LINKING ELECTION RESULTS WITH POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS, AND INTERESTINGLY, OFFICIAL TURK CYPRIOT NEWS BULLETIN TRANSLATED DENKTASH'S REMARKS ABOUT ELECTION RESULTS "CLOSING DOORS TO A SETTLEMENT"(A LITERAL TRANSLATION) AS HAVING "ADVERSE EFFECT ON RECONCILIATORY EFFORTS."

2. DENKTASH ALSO OBSERVED, AND TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HAD TAKEN UP THE THEME, THAT ELECTIONS UNDERSCORE FACT THAT "THE TWO ETHNIC COMMUNITIES OF CYPRUS HAVE SEPARATELY HELD THEIR ELECTIONS AND HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR SEPARATE GOVERNMENTS AND STATES IN THEIR OWN REGIONS.(THUS), THE LATEST GREEK CYPRIOT ELECTIONS HAVE SHOWN TO THE WORLD THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION CANNOT REPRESENT CYPRUS AS A WHOLE".

3. BOTH PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN AND OPPOSITION HALKIN SESI VIEW ELECTION RESULTS AS VOTE FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION,"LONG STRUGGLE," AND ARMING OF GREEK CYPRIOTS AGAINST TURKS. THEY ALSO SEE RESULTS AS FRESH EVIDENCE OF GREEK CYPRIOTS' UNREALISTIC ATTITUDES AND, IN SO MANY WORDS, WARN THAT AS THE GREEKS SOW, SO SHALL THEY REAP. SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8 HALKIN SESI REPORTED THAT HOPES FOR SETTLEMENT HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED AND THAT NOW "THERE IS NOT EVEN A SINGLE COMMON POINT OF APPROACH WHICH COULD BE TAKEN AS A STARTING POINT FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM." THUS, THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF CURRENT WESTERN EFFORTS TO RESUME TALKS, PAPER OBSERVED, DEPEND ENTIRELY ON WEST'S ABILITY TO MAKE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP ADOPT MORE REALISTIC VIEWS.
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